

CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

CUBS WORRYING OVER SERIES WITH ATHLETICS.

Chicago Players Admit They Are Not Putting Up Their Usual Game and Admit Their Pitchers Are Uncertain — Will Depend on Overall and Cole.

With six more games to clinch the National League pennant, the Cubs are sure of success in this time, but they are beginning to worry about the world's series with the Philadelphia Athletics. Captain Chance will not deny that he is weaker in the pitching department now than he was three months ago. The Chicago players say Reulbach is a back number; that Three Fingered Brown has lost much of his old effectiveness and has become an uncertain quantity; that Ebbetts, the southpaw, is liable to go up in the air at any time, and that McMorain has not the class to cope with the great twirlers under Connie Mack's wing.

The Chicago players will not deny that they are depending almost wholly on their big California, to stand the bulk of the work on the mound, with King Cole also counted on to do good work. These two pitchers, according to the Cubs, may stop the Athletics and from now until the world's series begins they will be specially groomed.

In addition to the uncertainty in the pitching department, the team which supports them firmly admit that the team is playing w^t the uniform strength earlier in the season. There is something lacking and several Chicago critics intuitions that there will be some new faces on the team before another year.

"We've got to play better ball than we showed here," said Chance. "If we are going to beat the Athletics we seem to have slumped badly but I think we will be going all right again in a few days." The world's series will not be a snap for us. In fact, we will have to play harder than ever.

Other Chicago players who discussed the situation in general seemed to wonder whether they could win against Mack's star boxmen, Bender, Flaherty, Combs and Morgan. Altogether the Cubs just are not boasting. On the contrary, they've got their thinking caps on.

Having summarily disposed of the Windy City bears the Cubs will begin a series of games with the Central Park Indians afternoon that will wind up the regular season. After that Metcalf's men will visit Boston in search of some of the pie other teams have been consuming of late. The Highlanders open their final series in Detroit this afternoon and finish on Wednesday. They have no game scheduled for Thursday, but they will reschedule operations on the hilltop with the Washington Friday.

The report that President Bush has decided not to allow the Giants to meet the Hillmen in a local cross-season series is without foundation. Mr. Bush will not make an official ruling on the subject until after the Americans are concerned. It may be said that the Hillmen are not likely to want the series and in that case it is difficult to see how he was before the Stollings so hard.

Ban Johnson does not stick to facts when he says I tried to sell out the Detroit club last year," said George T. Stollings yesterday. "He wanted to sell the club when Johnson had 51 percent of the stock and the lease of the park had been in his name in Chicago. In the second place, he did not try to sell the club to Fred Knoles of the New York Club when he never knew at that time that he was.

The reason Johnson drove me out of the Detroit club was that James Barnes, my partner, and I did not have money. Johnson had 51 percent of the stock and he wanted to put it up on the Polo Grounds. The Americans are concerned. It may be said that the Hillmen are not likely to want the series and in that case it is difficult to see how he was before the Stollings so hard.

AT HENNINGTON VALLEY C. L. PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 25.—The Americans beat the Hillmen 2 to 1 yesterday.

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